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Dear Ms. Kirk:

The Multnomah County's Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) and I extend our sincere appreciation to both you and Sheriff Giusto for meeting with us. We all came away better informed and with additional insight into the public's current participation with the Sheriff's Office, as well as your efforts at outreach in the community.

The CIC believes that by meeting with the County's various departments we develop a better understanding of the public's involvement and as a result are then better equipped to offer suggestions for ways to further engage citizens' participation within the County. The committee commends your office for engaging citizens in the many important areas of the work that you do and agrees that you do an extraordinary job of utilizing participation of the public with a host of methods that are needed to ensure a well functioning Sheriffs Office.

To further enhance the process of public involvement, we would like to offer some recommendations for your consideration:

- Develop a strategy with the CIC to meet with neighborhood associations on a consistent basis. This method of outreach can greatly assist with increasing, and enhancing, participation of citizens within the Sheriff's Office.
- We are prepared to assist in engaging the public in the event of a policy shift in how your office provides policing to the County.
- Utilize the help of your CBAC monthly throughout the year. Your CBAC will be able to give better and more useful input if they are meeting every month in a continuous process rather than only during the 'budget crunch time'. They can also be a good sounding board for program ideas and changes that come up outside the budget cycle.
- Create a consultative process for vacancies on the Sheriff's advisory committee.

It is our hope that you will consider these suggestions when determining methods for enhancing citizen involvement within the Sheriff's Office. We are fully prepared to offer our assistance with implementation of any of these suggestions. You are welcome to contact us at any time with any questions or concerns. Thank you again for meeting with us, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future!

Sincerely,

Steve Schmunk
Citizens Involvement Committee

cc: Sheriff Giusto